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To: Businesses That Use Weighing/Measuring Devices and/or Point of Sale
Systems for Commercial Purposes

CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVICE AND POS REGISTRATIONS

Currently, business owners must obtain a registration certificate from the County Sealer of Weights and Measures annually for each weighing and measuring device or obtain a permit for any point of sale (POS) system used commercially in San Diego County. Business owners mail or bring registration applications for certificates and permits and any applicable fees to the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM), and receive certificates and/or permits in the mail once the application has been processed. If the certificate is lost, the business owner must pay a fee to the Sealer to obtain a replacement certificate.

AWM proposes to remove the requirement for businesses to obtain a registration certificate or permit and only require business owners to register their devices and POS systems annually. This small change, eliminating the paper certificate/permit, will benefit both AWM and business owners by keeping program costs down by reducing printing and mailing expenses as well as staff time performing these activities. As an added benefit, business owners will no longer be required to pay a fee for a replacement certificate, since certificates will not be required.

Registrations will become effective once the device or POS application and the applicable fee(s) have been received by AWM. Business owners will no longer need to receive anything in the mail. Neither the certificate nor the permit is required by law to be posted at the business location. AWM staff, customers and business owners will be able to look online to see whether a particular device or POS system is currently registered. Customers can use their canceled check or credit card statement as a receipt for their registration payment. Receipts for registration fees paid will be available by mail or email, upon request.

If you have any questions or need more information please call Nancy Appel, Supervising Agricultural/Standards Inspector, at 858-614-7727, or Jim Byers, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, at 858-614-7726.

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